

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, as follows:

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This application is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,108,619, issued August 22, 2000, titled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEMANTIC CHARACTERIZATION," to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/512,963, titled "CONSTRUCTION, MANIPULATION, AND COMPARISON OF A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SEMANTIC SPACE," filed February 25, 2000, to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____,]] 09/615,726, titled "A METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR THE CREATION, MAINTENANCE, AND COMPARISON OF SEMANTIC ABSTRACTS," filed [[_____,]] July 13, 2000, and to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____,]] 09/653,713, titled "INTENTIONAL-STANCE CHARACTERIZATION OF A GENERAL CONTENT STREAM OR REPOSITORY," filed simultaneously herewith and incorporated by reference herein, all commonly assigned.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 5, as follows:

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____,]] 09/653,713, titled "INTENTIONAL-STANCE CHARACTERIZATION OF A GENERAL CONTENT STREAM OR REPOSITORY," filed simultaneously herewith, incorporated by reference herein, and referred to as "the Intentional Stance application," describes how users can listen to a content stream and set up response actions according to the content. Templates that include a set of state vectors in a topological vector space define the trigger. When the semantic content of the content stream comes close enough to the template, the action is triggered. But the Intentional Stance application does not describe how a network policy can be enforced using templates.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 5, as follows:

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____,]] 09/653,713, titled "INTENTIONAL-STANCE CHARACTERIZATION OF A GENERAL CONTENT STREAM OR REPOSITORY," filed [[_____,]] simultaneously herewith, incorporated by reference herein and referred to as "the Intentional Stance application," describes the creation of templates to use in intentional stance characterization. Recall that a template is a set of vectors defined by a semantic content. The template is compared with a content source. If the content source is close enough to the template, an action associated with the template is triggered.